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CHAPTER 27

AN ACT to amend 40.03 (1) (intro. par.) and 40.06 (1) of the statutes, relating to petitions for school district organizations.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. 40.03 (1) (intro. par.) of the statutes is amended to read:

40.03 (1) (intro. par.) Upon the filing of a petition * * * by 10 per cent of the electors residing in the area of a proposed reorganized district or 10 per cent of the electors of an area proposed to be detached from one district and attached to another or upon a resolution adopted upon its own motion, the county school committee may order the reorganization of school districts within the county, subject to the referendum provisions of sub. (6). The secretary of the committee shall set a date for a public hearing on the proposed reorganization which shall be held not more than 30 days after the filing of the petition or the date on which the committee ordered such a hearing when the committee initiated the proceedings, at a place within the district proposed to be reorganized or within a reasonable distance of such district. If a proposed order is subject to joint committee action, the secretaries of the several committees shall agree which county superintendent shall act as secretary of the joint committee and on the time and place for a public hearing, which shall be held simultaneously with the meeting of the joint committee to adopt an order therefor. Notice in writing of the time and place of the hearing shall be given as provided in s. 40.025 (2). Within 30 days after the hearing on any proposed plan of reorganization and before the making of any order thereon, the committee shall hold a conference on the proposed order of reorganization with the school boards of the districts involved. The committee action taken shall represent the decision reached at this conference and an order conforming therewith shall be made within 10 days and filed with the county superintendent as provided in s. 40.025 (5).

SECTION 2. 40.06 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

40.06 (1) Upon the filing of a petition by * * * 10 per cent of the electors residing in a school district affected with the clerk of a town, village or city affected or 10 per cent of the electors of an area proposed to be detached from one district and attached to another or upon adoption of a resolution upon its own motion, the board of any town or village affected or the council of any city of the second, third or fourth class affected may, by order, reorganize school districts. Before any reorganization order is made a public hearing shall be held on the proposal. The clerk of the town, village or city with whom a petition is filed or the clerk of the town, village or city the governing body of which adopts a resolution proposing a school district reorganization, shall fix a date for a public hearing within 30 days of the date of filing the petition or of the date of the adoption of the resolution and give notice thereof as provided in s. 40.025 (2).

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